The Pullambadi scheme.

11-30 a.m. * 111 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the reply given to a supplementary question to question No. 40, dated 5th July 1952, whether the Government have reconsidered the question of taking up the Pullambadi scheme; and

(*b*) if so, what their decision is?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government, after careful consideration, have deferred the scheme in view of the uncertainty of supplies available in the Cauvery for utilization under the scheme."

Money-lending shops in the City.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of money-lending business shops owned by Marwaris and Gujarathis in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is at present no law in force in this State to regulate and control the business of money-lenders in general by any system of licence. There is, however, a proposal under the consideration of the Government to regulate and control it. The number of money-lending business shops in the City of Madras is 483."

SRI P. JEEVANANDAM :—" சாதாரணமாக பாங்குகளில் விதிக்கப்படுகிற வட்டியைவிட மார்வாடி கடைக்காரர்கள் குறைவான வட்டிக்கு எழுதி வாங்கிக்கொண்டு அதிக வட்டி வாங்குவது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? தெரிந்தால் அதற்கு அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போகிறுர்கள் ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Not only that. I know so many things about money-lending which are taking place in the City."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member who puts the original question should be given the first opportunity to put supplementary questions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I know my duty and it is not for the hon. Member to say what I should do and what I should not."

Coupe cutting in South Arcot district forests.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the income derived by allowing coupe cutting in South Arcot district forests for the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The income derived by allowing coupe cutting in South Arcot district forests for the year 1952–53 is Rs. 10,394."